

HOPE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bonita Springs, FL



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From the Desk of Pastor Richard

If someone asked you, “What’s a Christian?” I suspect you would answer by saying something to the effect that a Christian is a follower of Jesus Christ. But, how would you respond if someone asked you, “Why are you a Christian?” This question can be challenging because it requires us to think about what we believe about Jesus and why. It can also leave us feeling unprepared and unqualified to answer effectively. Thankfully, 1 Peter gives us some tips to help us answer this question. These tips are as follows:

Tip one - Remember that it’s all about Jesus.

Being a Christian is less about us and more about Jesus. 1 Peter reminds us of this fact when it says, “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.” (1 Peter 3.15a) The question, “Why are you a Christian?” becomes much easier to answer when we remember that being a Christian is about who Jesus is and what He has done.

Tip two - Preparation is a good thing.

Whenever I make dinner, it goes much more quickly and smoothly if I’ve prepared all the ingredients in advance; nothing slows me down like a failure to prepare. Similarly, 1 Peter 3 tells us to, “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” (1 Peter 3.15b) The best way to prepare to tell someone why you are a Christian is to first wrestle with this question personally.

Tip three - Mind your manners.

When I was growing up, my dad stressed the importance of treating others with respect. He made it clear that words like ‘please’ and ‘thank-you’ were not optional. Nothing would get me into trouble faster than failing to be respectful of others. 1 Peter 3 shares a similar message when it instructs us to tell others why we follow Jesus “with gentleness and respect.” (1 Peter 3.15c) This verse is a good reminder that it’s not just about what we say but how we say it.

Tip four - Relax and be yourself.

Remember that telling others why you are a Christian is as easy as sharing how God is active and working in your life through Jesus.

May the Lord bless and keep you as you share the reason for the hope you have!

Pastor Richard

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Bonita Senior Center Programs June 2021

ALL IN PERSON PROGRAMS!

Mask required

FUNch Bunch Park and Picnic

Monday, June 7th, 12:30am-2:00pm

Bring a chair and sit socially distanced and enjoy FREE lunch and Entertainment at Leitner Neighborhood Park at 26724 Nomad Drive, FL, 34135

Sponsored by Right At Home

CALL TO REGISTER: Sheila@ 239-919-2295
or sheila@hopebonita.org

Cards and Games

Monday, June 14th, 12:30-2:00pm

Bring a chair and sit socially distanced at Leitner Neighborhood Park at 26724 Nomad Drive, FL, 34135

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Trivia and Prizes

Monday, June 21st, 12:30-2:00

Bring a chair and sit socially distanced at Leitner Neighborhood Park at 26724 Nomad Drive, FL, 34135

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Cards and Games

Monday, June 28th, 12:30-2:00pm

Bring a chair and sit socially distanced at Leitner Neighborhood Park at 26724 Nomad Drive, FL, 34135

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HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION



Your support for the Hope Foundation helps to fund missions and ministries locally and throughout the world. One of the grants we awarded in our November meeting was to support Harvest Time Ministries of Bonita Springs

This organization serves the needs of migrant and temporary workers by providing food, clothing, diapers, personal care items and Christmas gifts to migrant farm workers children. HTM visits the needy and delivers 125-150 bags of food every other Saturday during season. This group receives no governmental funding of any kind, and depends entirely on "gifts from the heart" from local organizations, individuals and food drives. Without HTM many farm workers families will go hungry during this pandemic time.

If you are not familiar with the Hope Foundation, or if you have questions about our endeavors, visit the church website or contact our Chairman Ron Anderson for more information.

Peace be with you-

Susan Schwinn

Secretary, Hope Lutheran Church Foundation

In Loving Memory of

Bill Parker

Born: March 18, 1929

Died: April 28, 2021

*We extended our sympathy
to his wife.*





BIRTHDAYS

Yesenia Brown	May 1	Patsy Lose	May 30	Sophia Till	June 13
Jim Gienapp	May 1	Corey Nyhus	May 30	John Bambule	June 14
Jane Sersland	May 1	Dick Remde	May 30	Marla Reichert	June 14
Ken Schwinn	May 2	Anne Hesson	May 31	Sandy Harstad	June 15
Maureen Nedved	May 3	Del Jennings	June 1	Siegfried Claussner	June 16
Richard Browning	May 4	Bill Denno	June 2	Denny Derbyshire	June 16
Nydia Brown	May 8	June Mabie	June 2	Cindi Nielsen	June 17
Bill Greenwald	May 8	Samuel Weiss	June 2	Karen Bradley	June 18
Mark Nielsen	May 8	Kent Witzel	June 2	Dale Rustad	June 18
Joan Wenk	May 8	Vanna Maggs	June 3	Larry Brown	June 19
Dave Dickerman	May 10	Sandy Remde	June 4	Karen Berens	June 20
Marlene Wilson	May 10	Betty Hilliard	June 5	Gloria Birkholz	June 20
JoAnne Sankovich	May 11	Debbie White	June 5	Ron Knautz	June 20
Bernita Cornish	May 12	Dave Mohnke	June 6	Sandra Selfors	June 20
Marian Zupin	May 14	Isabella Till	June 6	Pat Spicer	June 20
Marilyn Fenton	May 17	Donna Koontz	June 7	Jonathon Little	June 21
Terry Fadely	May 22	June LaBar	June 7	Brenda Wuggazer	June 23
Joyce Kondes	May 22	Annette Williamson	June 8	Vance Benjamin	June 26
Kathryn Macl	May 22	Jared Buss	June 9	Diane Eggebraaten	June 26
River Curry-Kompare	May 23	Carol Hansis	June 9	Douglas Kuhn	June 26
Christel Jakel	May 25	Beverly Smith	June 10	Lou Stolz	June 26
Tina Browning	May 27	Larry Drake	June 12	Al Schafer	June 28
Sharon Myhre	May 28	Marie Hacker	June 12	Robert Cory	June 29
Judy Beaumer	May 29	Garnet Imbrock	June 12	Time Evenson	June 30
Cheryl Hughes	May 30	Donna Selle	June 13	John Weickelt	June 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Anita and Bill Parker	May 1
Kent and Martie White	May 4
Dee and Ed Golob	May 8
Don and Judy Kotula	May 11
Joie and Joyce Ondracek	May 17
Glenn and Linda Riley	May 18
Paul and Tina Clark	May 19
Marge and Siegfried Claussnet	May 19
Jerry and JoAnne Sankovich	May 23
Anita and Bill Greenwald	May 27
Ramona and Rob Kolstedt	May 31
Fred and Joan Wenk	June 1
Debbie and Steve Coomer	June 2
Phyllis and Robert Erber	June 2
Bob and Marilyn Herrli	June 4
John and Susan Browning	June 5
Al and Julie Schafer	June 5
Dennis and Susan Vosberg	June 5
Ed and Jan Boerman	June 7
Bob and Donna Selle	June 7
Don and Sandra Selfors	June 10



Ron and Ruth Anderson	June 12
Mike and Peggie Krueger	June 16
Karen and Tim Evenson	June 16
Peggy and Thomas Ramsey	June 16
Bill and Bonnie Thomas	June 16
Elaine and Michael Walsman	June 17
Debbie and Erik White	June 17
Gordon and Lynda Rehse	June 18
Judith Hamed	June 20
Ken and Susan Schwinn	June 20
Dean and Vanna Maggs	June 21
Christopher and Collin Davis	June 23
Marla and Mike Reichert	June 23
Carol and Richard Heinrich	June 24
Arlene and Bill Baldwin	June 25
Rich and Judy Beaumer	June 25
Dick and Evelyn Taylor	June 25
Chuck and Mary Kay Fieldman	June 26
Karen Center	June 27
Bill and Shari Mink	June 30
Dicka and Sandy Remde	

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www.hope-bonita.org



LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE!

AHA AED/CPR CLASS FOR STAFF AND MEMBERS

Thursday, August 12, 2021 from 10:00am-12:30pm at Hope Fellowship Center.

Please call Sheila to register at 239-919-2295

UPDATED COVID SAFETY PROTOCOL:

Reservations are no longer required.

Masks are no longer required for those who have been vaccinated.

Masks continue to be required for those who have not been vaccinated. We continue to practice physical distancing during worship. Those with underlying health conditions are strongly encouraged to wear masks. We encourage socializing outside before and after worship.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 am - Traditional Worship Service

10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service



MAY 2021

PRAYER MINISTRY

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SUNDAY

Lord, thank you for being with me this morning. Help me to remember what a gift it is to sit with You like this. Help me to embrace what comes my way as an opportunity.....let me rest in the truth of Psalm 86:13, "Great is your love toward me".

MONDAY

Heavenly Father, make me joyful in the Ascension of your Son, Jesus Christ. May I follow him into eternal life, his ascension is my glory and my hope. Lord, thank you that in your ascension you gave me new life, free life, life full of new possibilities.

TUESDAY

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. May I do so joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace!

WEDNESDAY

Lord, You have called me to discipleship, in one form or another. Let me continue trying to be a better Christian, so that Jesus may be seen working through me in my thoughts, words, and actions. Let me get busy with what you want me to do.

THURSDAY

Lord, may I experience some of that joy of the disciples in serving Christ. May I remember to turn to you for help and mercy in dealing with my sins and troubles. Jesus told His Apostles at the Last Supper, "If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; as I also have kept my Father's commandments, and do abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete" (John 15:9-11).

FRIDAY

O God, who on this day did teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant me by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort.

SATURDAY

Father, I thank you for my godly friends and the wise people you place in my life. Increase my wisdom as I walk through this life and through the life experiences I will face. Guard my lips so that no rash words will bring ruin. Prov. 13:3 Those who guard their mouths preserve their lives ...

WORSHIP

ONLINE

Sundays 9:00am @ hlcbonita.org

IN PERSON

Sundays - 9am & 10:30am

Check our website for information on in person worship and to reserve a spot. Communion is also available by appointment. Please call the front office for more information.

JUNE 2021

PRAYER MINISTRY

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SUNDAY

Heavenly Father, I pray that you give me strength today, to be strong for you in this world full of temptations. You know what my struggles this day will be, I pray for you to be with me as I go through them. Lord, carry me when I am too weak.

MONDAY

Pour mercy into my heart and soul giving me eyes to see and ears to hear your gift in every person, every place, every moment; For your greatness is seen in all the world: may my words and actions be my praise of you reaching up and out into your Kingdom.

TUESDAY

Father, in this time of racial injustice and unrest I pray that I might experience the grace and humbleness of God the Son. Help me to humble myself even unto death. Lord, teach me to not strive for anything, but in all things humble myself, as you did through the incarnation and in your crucifixion. Give me your grace that I might always extend grace to others. (Rev. Fiona Reynolds, Scotland)

WEDNESDAY

I cannot comprehend your majesty I only know your presence in my life: you, who knew me before I was born you, who will cradle me after my last breath...I cannot encompass your glory instead I marvel at all the works your hand has made and I worship and adore you.

THURSDAY

God our Father, I give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. I pray for fathers that they may find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. I remember fathers, grandfathers and others who are not with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

FRIDAY

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, there is always more to learn about you that I need to know so that I can live well. As Job and his friends knew, I cannot plumb your depths. Compared to all that you are, I can only hear a small whisper of you. "The thunder of Your power, who can understand?" (Job 26:14) You are infinite in your being and in your perfection. Please give me an appetite to know you better, and show me more of yourself. I don't need to know everything about you to know that you deserve my wholehearted worship.

SATURDAY

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you deserve unbounded praise, whether I am having a "good day" or a "bad day." I join the angels who praise you night and day. You are holy, without stain or sin. You are perfect in Your wisdom. You are free—you are under no one's command. You are absolute. You are the great "I AM." You don't need to work around others.

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Summertime and the giving is easy

Visit our website to set up recurring contributions.

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PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Effective date of Authorization: ____/____/____

Type of authorization: ☐ New authorization ☐ Change payment date
☐ Change Payment Amount ☐ Change banking information
☐ Discontinue Electronic Payment

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
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Email Address: _____

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Please debit payment from my (check one):

- ☐ Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #)
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Terminate Date: ____/____/____

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Account Number: _____

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Credit Card

Please charge my payment to my (check one): ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ DiscoverCard

Credit Card Number: _____ CIN _____

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I authorize the above organization to charge my credit card in accordance with the information above.

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Signature: _____

Date: _____